

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
LOK SABHA**

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Development and Trade of Bamboo Resources
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Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has initiated any projects targetting the development and trade of Bamboo resources;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether an action plan has been drawn to promote start-ups for Bamboo products; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

The Minister of State (Independent Charge) in the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

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(a) & (b) The Ministry of Agriculture & Farmer's Welfare is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for development of bamboo in various States, including all North Eastern States, which contribute a major part of the bamboo resources as a region. The schemes aim at increasing the area under bamboo with suitable bamboo species to enhance yield, promote marketing of bamboo and bamboo based handicrafts, establish convergence and synergy among stakeholders for development of bamboo, promote, develop and disseminate technologies and generate employment opportunities for skilled and unskilled persons, especially unemployed youth. A sub-mission on Agroforestry under National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) has been made operational under which bamboo can be grown along with other Agroforestry species on agricultural landscape.

The Department of Science and Technology (DST) has implemented the National Mission on Bamboo Applications (NMBA) to, inter – alia, develop value added bamboo based products; technology & processing; to improve innovation, design capability & facilitate Industry-laboratory linkages.

(c) & (d) In a seminar on bamboo development organized by the Ministry of DoNER on 27th & 28th September, 2016, it was announced that Start-ups in Bamboo sector would be given preference in the proposed venture fund capital for North Eastern States under the aegis of North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (NEDFi).